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In re Application of :
Falotico et al. : DECISION ON PETITION
Application Number: 10/796397 :
Filing Date: 03/09/2004 :
Attorney Docket Number: CRD- :
5068 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.59(b), filed on August 18, 2008, requesting that an Unfair Competition Agreement (Corporate); Patent Agreement; Business Conduct Agreement, and Conflict of Interest Agreement submitted on with an amendment filed on April 2, 2008 be expunged.

The petition is **GRANTED-IN-PART**.

Petitioner asserts that the documents identified above were unintentionally submitted, and that the failure to return them would cause irreparable harm.

Petitioner therefore seeks to have these documents expunged from the file.

37 C.F.R. §1.59 sets forth:

§ 1.59 Expungement of information or copy of papers in application file.

(a)

(1) Information in an application will not be expunged, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section.

(2) Information forming part of the original disclosure (i.e., written specification including the claims, drawings, and any preliminary amendment specifically incorporated into an executed oath or declaration under §§ 1.63 and 1.175) will not be expunged from the application file.

(b) An applicant may request that the Office expunge information, other than what is excluded by paragraph (a)(2) of this section, by filing a petition under this paragraph. Any petition to expunge information from an application must include the fee set forth in § 1.17(h) and establish to the satisfaction of the Director that the expungement of the information is appropriate in which case a notice granting the petition for expungement will be provided.

(c) Upon request by an applicant and payment of the fee specified in § 1.19(b), the Office will furnish copies of an application, unless the application has been disposed of (see §§ 1.53(e), (f) and (g)). The Office cannot provide or certify copies of an application that has been disposed of.

[48 FR 2710, Jan. 20, 1983, effective Feb. 27, 1983; 49 FR 554, Jan. 4, 1984, effective Apr. 1, 1984; 49 FR 48416, Dec. 12, 1984, effective Feb. 11, 1985; 50 FR 23123, May 31, 1985, effective Feb. 11, 1985; revised, 60 FR 20195, Apr. 25, 1995, effective June 8, 1995; revised, 62 FR 53131, Oct. 10, 1997, effective Dec. 1, 1997; para. (b) revised, 65 FR 54604, Sept. 8, 2000, effective Nov. 7, 2000; para. (b) revised, 68 FR 14332, Mar. 25, 2003, effective May 1, 2003; revised, 68 FR 38611, June 30, 2003, effective July 30, 2003]

The matter Petitioner wishes to have expunged does not form part of the original disclosure. Petitioner has included the fee associated with the filing of petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.59 and has established to the satisfaction of the Director that the expungement of this information is appropriate.

As such, the electronic documents which contain these pages have been closed in the Office's Image File Wrapper software viewing program. The paper documents will not be removed from the physical file however, as the Office does not remove papers from paper files which have been scanned.

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